

Decision 1 (2013)

Recognition of the Czech Republic as a Consultative Party

The Representatives,

Recalling Decision 4 (2005);

Recalling that the Czech Republic succeeded to the Antarctic Treaty on 1 January 1993 in accordance with Article XIII;

Recalling that the Czech Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (“the Protocol”) on 25 August 2004, and that the Protocol entered into force for the Czech Republic on 24 September 2004;

Noting that the Czech Republic thus fulfills the requirement of Article 22.4 of the Protocol;

Noting that the Czech Republic notified the Depository Government on 18 April 2013 of its view that it had met the requirements of Article IX(2) of the Antarctic Treaty by conducting substantial scientific research in Antarctica;

Noting that the Czech Republic notified the Depository Government on 10 May 2013 of its intention to approve the Recommendations and Measures adopted at the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings (“the ATCM”) in pursuance of the Treaty and subsequently approved by all the Contracting Parties whose Representatives were entitled to participate in those Meetings, and to consider approval of the other Recommendations and Measures ;

Decide:

1. that the Czech Republic has fulfilled the requirements established in Article IX(2) of the Antarctic Treaty;
2. that the Czech Republic shall be entitled as of 1 April 2014, and during such time as it continues in accordance with Article IX(2) of the Antarctic Treaty to demonstrate its interest in Antarctica by conducting substantial scientific research there, to appoint representatives in order to participate in the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting provided for in Article IX(1) of the Antarctic Treaty;

3. to invite the Czech Republic to furnish information to ATCM XXXVII on the progress made in its approval of Recommendations and Measures adopted at the ATCMs; and
4. to warmly welcome the Czech Republic as a Consultative Party in the ATCMs.